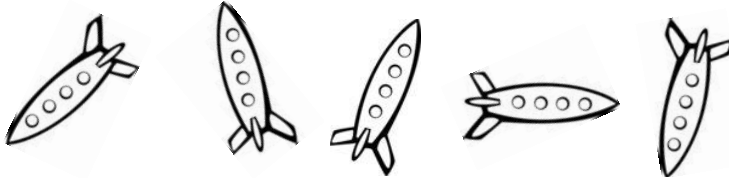


September 29, 2017

ARCHON 41 - BEGINS ON RELATIVE TIME

Welcome to Archon 41, the premier science fiction and fantasy convention in the St. Louis Area. We have a vast array of things planned for the weekend. Be prepared to be dazzled as you check out the Art Show and Dealers Room. Dance until you drop both Friday and Saturday night. **Thank you for coming!**



MEET OUR GUESTS

Lettie Prell

Lettie Prell is a science fiction writer who likes to explore the edge where humans and technology are increasingly merging. Her story "Emergency Protocol" is in the September/October 2017 issue of Analog. Her stories can be found in bookstores and online, in past issues of Clarkesworld, Apex, & Analog and in anthologies by Apex, Tor.com and Neil Clarke. In fact, she has the honor of having a story in Neil Clarke's Best Science Fiction of the Year. Writing "Emergency Protocol" was a lot of fun to write. It was based on an e-learning module of the Iowa Department of Corrections. In fact, Friday, September 22 was her last day as an employee of that institution. She is now writing full-time.

Cathy Hird

Cathy writes Young Adult fantasy that draws on ancient mythology to address modern questions. Her most recently published work is the contemporary fantasy "Fractured: When Shadows Arise" with the second book due out next year. She enjoys writing a story that is set where she lives. Stepping out of her back door into the location where weird and wonderful things occur is a treat. The strength of the contemporary fantasy sub-genre is that the reader too can cross from ordinary life into the extra-ordinary. In the story she was able to visit the shale beach that she loves twice, though what is met there is dangerous and disturbing. Cathy goes on to say that the great thing about writing is the way she can engage beautiful spaces in life and in word. For fun Cathy does farm and weave work and loves weaving tapestry. In everything, she is a story teller. She couldn't NOT write.

FRIDAY EDITION



Masquerade Special Seating

Guests with wheelchairs, scooters, vision impairment, camera tripods, strollers, small children or other special needs can request special seating for Saturday's Archon Masquerade. Forms will be available at Con HQ in the Convention Center and **must be turned in by 2:00 pm Saturday**.

Every effort will be made to accommodate your request but Archon cannot guarantee that space will be available.

Best Seats in the House

Want to sit up front at the Grand Masquerade? Hate standing in line for two hours? Archon is raffling off two seats up front for the show. You will sit on a couch next to the official photographer and enjoy a great view of the stage. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Purchase your tickets at Con HQ in the Gateway Center. The winner will be drawn on **Saturday at 5:00pm**. The winning number will be posted at Con HQ in the Gateway Center, on Facebook, as well as via Twitter (@archonstl).

All proceeds benefit the Challenger Learning Center.



Hall Costume Contest

The hall costume contest will be taking place tonight in the Doubletree Hotel. Put on your best outfit and be sure to stop by the photo area in the hotel lobby to be entered into the contest. The Booth will open and line will begin forming at **9:00 pm**. Participation is FREE!

Art and Much More

With over 60 artists on display be sure to stop by and see the awesome variety that is the **Archon 41 Art Show**. Browse art in various mediums from some of the most acclaimed artists in the country.

The Art show opens at 11 am on Friday until midnight. Saturday 10:30 am until 3 pm. Sunday from 10:30 am until noon.

Charity Auction

Gavel News

Join us at **12:00 on Saturday afternoon** in **Great Rivers Ballroom B**. We have unique items available; several signed and donated by our guests. You could walk away with some great stuff and help a good cause. The charity auction benefits the **Challenger Learning Center**.

Archon Mobile App

- Go to your device's app store and search for "Event Guide"
- Download and install the Grenadine Event Guide, then use event code **ARCHON41** to access the entire Archon 41 schedule!
- You will always have the most up-to-date scheduling information, can save items to your own personal schedule, and will even receive push notifications for last-minute scheduling changes.

Saturday Party!!!

SausageFest is Saturday beginning at 10:00 p.m. in room 141 at the Doubletree Hotel.

Remember to bring your state ID with you. Your badge will not be sufficient to establish your age.



BE PART OF THE NEWSLETTER

Did you see something fun and interesting? We are always looking for fun quotes, stories and other cool stuff.

Please stop by Con HQ to add your contributions to upcoming editions.

Masquerade Registration

Registration to participate in the masquerade ends at noon on Saturday.

Remember: **No late entries allowed.**

Sign up and experience a stage set, professional sight and sound celebration with you in the spot light.